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FOR: A SEALED TUBULAR JOINT COMPRISING LOCAL AND INITIAL ADDED THICKNESS(ES), BY MEANS OF

PLASTIC EXPANSION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated September 4, 2009, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 14 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.